

**Tuesdays with Tammy Nevada Libraries Forum**  
from  
**Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records**  
10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday  
June 23, 2020

**Notes**

Attending: Tammy Westergard, Sulin Jones, Norma Fowler, Bruce Douglass, Betts Markle, NSLAPR:  
Guest speaker – Darl Kiernan, Nevada Department of Education; Amy Lauder, Diane Baker, Tod  
Colegrove, Carson City; Carol Lloyd, Churchill County; Elizabeth Robinson, Humboldt County; Danielle  
Milam, LVCCLD; Forrest Lewis, North Las Vegas; Alysha Wogee, Amy Bruno, Shanna Gibbons, Susan  
Wonderly, Pahrump; Kathy Brinkerhoff, Pershing County; Jeff Scott, Joan Dalusung, Washoe County;  
Cyndi O, NV Library CoOp; Eric Walsh, Great Basin College; Nancy Schmidt, SCLL.



## **WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING RIGHT NOW**



### **Strengths:**

- Libraries continue to promote unity and fraternity with one and another.
- Libraries are finding solutions to operate during the current crisis.
- Libraries and library staff are well positioned to work with state agencies to assist Nevada families.
- Libraries and library staff build strong relationships with their patrons for their information needs.



### **Struggles:**

- Keeping on top of cleaning and disinfecting procedures for library areas.
- Providing low cost, high speed broadband for all communities
- Finding cleaning supplies and resources.
- Keeping staff and public safe.
- Informing the public about the restrictions in place.



## Opportunities

- Collection of data on services libraries are providing during the pandemic that will help tell our story.
- Obtaining high speed broadband Internet2 connection for all Nevada libraries.



## Trends

- Nevada is part of the Western States Pact Broadband Group with the goal of improving high speed broadband throughout the state
- Developing conversations with state agencies strengthen the role of libraries in communities.
- More information regarding COVID19 virus contamination lifespan on library materials.
- Increased Press/Media visibility.

### **Announcements:**

- CARES funding goes to IFC on Thursday.
- Tammy Westergard met with Nevada Department of Education to discuss the use of CARES funding for the purchase of hotspots and internet devices.
- Nevada Public Libraries Phased In Reopening plans are available on the Nevada State Library website <https://nsla.nv.gov/COVID19/Reopening>

### **Guest Speaker: Darl Kiernan, K-12 ELA Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education:**

- An important partnership exists between the Nevada Department of Education and public libraries to help students with their reading material choices regarding Summer Reading Program.
- The data collected does not reflect the relationship librarians have with the public when it comes to recommending books to read.
- Digital books and news articles are available through the myON platform.
- Provide encouragement and monitoring of students to increase the amount of time spent reading over the summer.
- Almost all districts in Nevada are fully rostered and participating. Esmeralda is having technical problems that should be resolved soon.
- The data does not track books being downloaded to devices or record duplicate numbers in other library programs and services.
- At the end of the summer, the Department of Education's myON data will be combined with public libraries' Beanstack data to see the results of all efforts.
- Almost all myON content is available in both English and Spanish.
- NDE is working on a myON webinar training specific to librarians focused on data access.
- NDE to continue outreach to public libraries and families on myON access instructions that also include library events and information. The website also will be updated 6/24/2020 to include this information.
- Will return to discuss the data results and efforts at the end of the summer.

**CARES ACT Update:** Norma Fowler, Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records, Tod Colegrove, Director Carson City Library.

- Nevada is receiving \$278,318 in CARES ACT FUNDING.
- Nevada has joined the Western Pact Broadband Group to work together on Broadband.
- Nevada public libraries currently do not have access to high speed internet2 Broadband.
- Met with representatives from NSHE System Computing Services who are applying to become part of the Community Anchor Program, which will allow them to become an Internet2 connector for the state of Nevada.
- As a community anchor, this could lower the cost for Internet2 broadband access for libraries and improve services to our communities.
- Public Libraries need to provide specific examples of current programs and applications that require high broadband and low latency that would benefit from Internet2 high speed connection. Examples of this would be continuous video conferencing platforms such as Zoom.
- Will benefit communities with costs and connectivity issues.

**OCLC REALM Project:** Norma Fowler, Sulin Jones Nevada State Library

- OCLC preliminary results on the COVID19 virus lifespan on library materials regarding quarantining: After three days of quarantine, SARS-CoV-2 virus was not detectable on hardback book cover (buckram cloth), softback book cover, plain paper pages inside a closed book, plastic book covering (biaxially oriented polyester film), DVD cases.

**UPDATES:**

- **Joan Dalusung, Jeff Scott:** Washoe County started “grab and go” for holds pickup and drive through library service and had great demand with 1400 checkouts on Tuesday and 900 on Thursday. They have also appeared in local news media stories discussing library services.
- **Danielle Milam:** LVCCLD jettisoned their phase 4 plan and are now following the Governor’s phase 2 plan as it relates to library services. The public is now allowed to come in and browse, study rooms are open, and on July 1<sup>st</sup> the larger performing venues will open, all while complying with social distancing.
- **Shanna Gibbons:** Pahrump Library is open 4 hours a day and having around 185 patrons a day. All is going well so far.